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SUBJECT: JWG FOR TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:
PROPOSAL FOR SYMPOSIUM

1. AT THE REQUEST OF DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, RECTOR OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND GOE CHAIRMAN OF JWG ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY'S VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH, DR. BEDRAN, ASKED EMBOFF TO CALL NOVEMBER 27 TO DISCUSS "FOLLOWING UP THE JWG MEETING". DR. BEDRAN PROPOSED THAT A TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM BE HELD IN CAIRO IN APRIL 1975 FOR INDEPTH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND THE PROBLEMS WHICH INDIVIDUAL SCIENTIFIC SECTORS IN EGYPT FACE. BEDRAN PRESENTED PLAN FOR TEN TO FIFTEEN DAY MEETING BEGINNING WITH SOME GENERAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE PROBLEM OF INTEGRATING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INTO PLANNING AND HOW TO MANAGE RESEARCH IN GENERAL; THIS TO BE FOLLOWED BY WORKSHOPS WHERE EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK WITH AMERICAN SCIENTISTS OF SIMILAR DISCIPLINES. BEDRAN CHARACTERIZED THESE WORKSHOPS AS "PROBLEM SOLVING SESSIONS". EGYPTIAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE SYMPOSIUM WILL COME FROM THE UNIVERSITIES, THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH, AND THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WITH APPLIED RESEARCH. SYMPOSIUM WILL ALSO INCLUDE TRIP TO EGYPTIAN HISTORICAL SIGHTS IN UPPER AND LOWER EGYPT.

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2. EMBOFF THANKED BEDRAN FOR QUICK WORK IN

CONSOLIDATING WORK OF JWG ON RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND SAID THAT WE WOULD REPORT THIS PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON.
HE DID SAY THAT PLAN, IN GENERAL, SEEMED ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH
THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SPECIFIC WORKSHIP TOPICS DEVELOPED
SO THAT WE COULD ARRANGE FOR PROPER REPRESENTATION FROM THE
AMERICAN PRIVATE, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL, SCIENTIFIC
COMMUNITY. BEDRAN UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE THESE AS SOON AS
COMMITTEE SET UP BY HASSAN ISMAIL MEETS AGAIN TO DISCUSS
MATTER, PROBABLY ON DECEMBER 4.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: FROM DISCUSSION
WITH BEDRAN, IT IS EVIDENT THAT HASSAN ISMAIL IS PUSHING
HARD TO VITALIZE THIS JWG TO GET AS MUCH INTERACTION AS POSSIBLE.
WE BELIEVE THAT SYMPOSIUM IS GOOD IDEA AND REQUEST WE BE
INSTRUCTED TO REPLY TO BEDRAN THAT APRIL 1975 ACCEPTABLE FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES FOR HOLDING SUCH A SYMPOSIUM IN CAIRO.
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